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RE: In the Matter of Broadcast Localism (MB Docket No. 04-233)

Chairman Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in support of Clear Channel Radio New York's clear commitment to the diverse New York City community. Musicians On Call's experience with Clear Channel Radio has been a long and close one; since 2002 we have enjoyed the support of all the local radio stations (Z100, WLTW, Power 105.1, Q104.3, WKTU, WALK).

Musicians On Call is a nonprofit organization that brings live and recorded music to the bedsides of patients in healthcare facilities. For several years, Musicians On Call (MOC) was the official charity of Z100's Jingle Ball, a major fundraising initiative for us. Furthermore, Z100 has made VIP tickets available to us for sale even when we were not the "official" charity as a fundraising tool. Q104.3 has made MOC one of the local beneficiaries of Charity Begins At Home over the years, supporting our programs in pediatric facilities. WKTU was a co-sponsor with WLTW of our 4th Annual Benefit Concert and Auction this year and all the stations have served as the official radio sponsors over the past 4 years. In conjunction with our event, all the stations have provided PSAs and annually we record a 30-minute community-focused PSA with both Z100 and WLTW not only informing the community about Musicians On Call but calling for volunteer musicians and the volunteer guides who accompany them as well as gently used CDs. Additionally, for the past two years Musicians On Call has been the partner in Z100's and the Broadway show, Rent's efforts to spearhead a CD drive for middle and high schools in the tri-state area for our CD Pharmacy Program. Through the Get Active program at Z100, students are encouraged to get involved in their local communities. Musicians On Call sends CD Pharmacies to healthcare facilities around the country and has already sent over 165. We box up hundreds of CDs with CD discmen. The first year we received over 25,000 CDs and a high school on Long Island received a performance of "Rent". This year we received over 11,000 CDs and the winning school was an innercity school in Newark, NJ. Most of the children have never seen a Broadway show or have that type of live experience. Last week fifteen of the cast members performed for the school. The students were mesmerized. This would never have happened without Z100's commitment to students in their listening area. I could continue to enumerate the

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extent of Clear Channel Radio's support of Musicians On Call as well as their regular call to action for local New Yorkers to get involved in charitable activities.

Clear Channel Radio New York has well served the New York community and its local charities. Several years ago they formed a Local Advisory Board to listen to and respond to community organizations. I am proud to serve on this board and to have a forum for representing our constituents' concerns and to have Clear Channel respond in a direct way. I unreservedly support Clear Channel Radio's work in the community. It would be a tragedy and a gross injustice to the New York community if the FCC were to impose new rules that would interfere in their ability to continue their stellar level of public service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kindest regards,

Leslie Morrison Faerstein, Ed.D., LCSW

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